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REMARKS

The applicant notes with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicant acknowledges and appreciates receiving a copy of form PTO-1449, on which the examiner has initialed both listed items.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, 17, and 18 are pending. Claims 2, 6, 8, 9, and 11-16 have been canceled. Claims 17 and 18 are new. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 2 has been canceled. Therefore, this rejection is moot and will not be discussed.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the patent to DeWitt *et al.* The applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a washer nozzle. Furthermore, claim 1 now recites that the washer nozzle comprises a nozzle body, a check valve and a filter, and the check valve and the filter are arranged in the fluid passage of the nozzle body. Therefore, according to claim 1, the check valve and the filter are advantageously integrated in the nozzle body of the washer nozzle to maintain proper operation of the washer nozzle. In contrast, in DeWitt *et al.* (5,657,929), the check valve (40, 58) and the filter (76) are arranged outside of the nozzle body (88) of the washer nozzle (32). More specifically, the check valve (40, 58) and the filter (76) are

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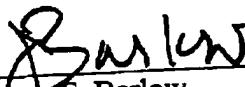
arranged in a valve (34) that is formed separately from the washer nozzle (32) and is located upstream of the washer nozzle (32). Therefore, the washer nozzle of claim 1 is not disclosed or suggested by DeWitt *et al.* (5,657,929). As a result, claim 1 and its dependent claims should be patentable.

Claims 17 and 18 are readable on the elected species of Figure 6. Claims 17 and 18 are dependent, directly or indirectly, on claim 1. Therefore, claims 17 and 18 are considered to be patentably distinct from the prior art of record for the reasons given with respect to claim 1 above.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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